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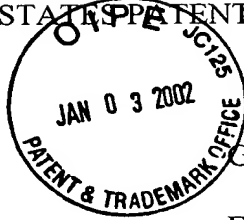
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Nehls *et al.*

Application No.: 09/398,253

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action mailed July 3, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is kindly solicited. Applicants submit that the claims as amended herein, are in condition for allowance. Filed herewith are (a) Exhibit A which is a marked-up version of the claims showing the amendment made herein; (b) Exhibit B which is a clean copy of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendment; (c) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; (d) a Notice of Appeal; and (e) a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by three months from October 3, 2001 to and including January 3, 2001.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked-up version of the claims showing the amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Matter that has been deleted is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

Please amend claims 1 and 11 to read as follows: